

Notes from letters of LMAH and EPH to their 3 children 1947-50 after she had returned to China to help with the 100th anniversary of Methodism in China. They are few and far between because they were so busy, and costs of postage so high and finances nil and of course we may not have saved many and how we have these is a ?.

Fall 1947 no date but during the time they had many in their home as guests and participants in the celebration. "walking in our sleep-much cooperation in borrowing needs from other missions-difficulties in providing food-costs so high-parcels arriving from States I had sent had been looted- all cloth items, blankets-do not attempt to get even with me for this long silence-exhaustion"! Gov on the rocks- days are numbered, affect of surprise US election results - lack of fuel for heat this winter. Letters are being taken out when travelers leave after the celebration, to mail. More on how they coped during so many guests. Prices are fantastic - changing money on black market vs what mission allows etc. Americans have slightest conception of the possible effect of these affairs in Asia upon their private lives."

Jan. 30, 1949 (note gap in time) Chinese New Year -celebrations"peace on this holiday-expect trouble from Communists" Missionarys going home and no young ones being sent-? future -Daddy is so very tired.

April 29, 49 using airmail o gram type - send out to HK to mail- as a saving of money "of which we have NONE" Many are leaving, sending out everything-worried about Daddy -the strain on him is terrific as every body demanding money by hook or crook and a large degree on faith- he admits he is exhausted-if Hangchow falls, Fukien will turn over automatically." Henry Lacys on evacuation planes."Paying bills in old silver dollars, in gold nuggets, in HK bills or US cash or checks"

May 8, 49- names others leaving and Foochow due to be liberated on May 15th. "We shall have nothing to bear comparable to what the first century Christians met""If we can't stand it, or find ourselves a burden to our Chinese friends or find we can do nothing constructive, we shall try to get out some way- junk - from down the coast.."

May 18th - last to leave- take out some trunks for them."Not knowing what is ahead, I went on a spree yesterday and made a big batch of fudge - why turn this over to Communists? Trying to sell things- I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see the office looted- one's mind turns to hiding things if I were Dad I would hide the gold bars in compost pile. It is very difficult to get gold bars chopped up and not enough silver \$ to meet demand. Gave Mrs. Lacy her engagement ring to bring home to keep in safe (that is the one stolen at Claremont Manor twice and not ret'd 2nd time)

May 31, 1949 -sending letter out with Am. Consul who had been with them for week clearing up all legal matters he can before Com. descent upon us (or rise up among us) Many descriptions of house and yard and wedding there she had helped with, and her help with students. Consul back again 4th time .No planes from Shanghai- things bad there. Need for pictures for Sunday school - many comments on art- Dragon Boat festival cancelled- too little water in river.

June 5, 1949."still we go on expecting the evil day of a turnover which still has not come. Rumors. Now so much rain we are hoary with mold. "The Relief Com. of our Meth. Conf. meets more often than usual, as conditions squeeze many out of work, retreating soldiers devastate whole villages and the pressure of mere existence for the masses grows more intense. Giving out rice til new season brings crop."Wee lumps of gold (pure chinese) some of it is in thin wafer like pieces, some like little pieces of taffy-imagine taking care of this kind of currency, \$5. Am gold worth is no bigger than a flat sided pearl""Some say many

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tens of thousands of "Central Gov" troops are coming here for a "last stand". Heaven help the people here if they do. Chinese homes here are already packed with soldiers, rich and poor alike"

August 1, 1949 Still have not been "Liberated" so the Com say. Can't afford to go to HK for needed dental work. Consuls are urging everyone to leave since groups started holding people as sort of hostages, in Nanking and Shanghai. With Daddy running what is considered "Big business" in Foochow, I don't feel any too easy about it as they can think up the craziest situations imaginable. "

August 11, 1949 - had not heard from us for ages- but think it was just due to mail not getting there. "Still getting along OK here - even indulged in a 2 layer cake yesterday and daring to use up supplies.

She is teaching English and studying Mandarin. So much sickness and never never before such destitution. Daddy's Sec. has come down with TB and can't work. from Daddy's letter 8-14 The stories coming out of "freed" territory are beyond credulity: I can not fathom how they expect to build a new nation after they so completely alienated the very people they came to set free from their serfdom, the farmers, and the common man!" All I can see is that they expect to let die off the older generations - the old people of 30 and over, and then build the next 10-20 years with the youth they are training. In Kucheng we hear that youths just out of junior high, not graduated yet, are department heads in the county government. Of course they are completely indoctrinated, and do as they are told, so they are sure servants of the government."

Sept 8, 1949 "We were "liberated" on the 17th of August-an hour or two of fighting-the main object seemed to be to give more time for large groups to get away. There was really no defense of the city whatsoever. So far we have been left strictly alone- we do have sentries out front. The poor Chinese are of course the first sufferers and their suffering is really already pitiful - what will it be by cold weather? They have been bled by Nationalists, bandits and now these. The blockade is the great hindrance-?ship has permission to enter Shanghai and take out Am. citizens. drought- Daddy's prickly heat. Many are cut off from a living now because of change of Gov. and church workers have no idea where more money will come from. The Gov is slow in getting organized as one does not know yet the shape of things to come. Much effort is made to work up Anti-Am. sentiment we hear. Soldiers have been told all sorts of tales of Milton's branch(Navy..)

Dec. 18, 49 "There is much clashing as adjustments are made between the old and the new way of looking at things. The attempt to make everything one level is very real and in the matter of finances that is being accomplished rather quickly. -deeper psychological- to make this adjustment after 20-30 years of offensive against an enemy, to settle down, when in power, and stop destruction and become constructive. They are surely going after education of the common people, nobody else amounts to anything anyway. Blockade runner ship just in- get this out on this ship."

Jan 25, 1950 "too long since I wrote home" (apparently our letters were getting through at this point) LMAH teaching at Hwa Nan-English. Christmas passed in the usual rush-no money and nothing to give away (from things sent previously from states by churches) Gave away cot sheets to make into clothing. Has Dad commented on regime here?-there are very definite good points-soldiers and fellow travellers are well fed- stressing happy recreation, games, teaching everyone to sing, hearty spirited songs, even if they do embody a false theory. Students have theory poured into them every day. "How long will we be allowed to work here?"

July 14, 1950 "Our Chinese friends have all finally come to the place where they feel we had better get out. Mother and I and Bishop Lacy will be the last to leave" (and it turns out that Lacy did not make it...

That is last letter - from left late

January 51 - overland -

Written on both sides tissue paper - so thin! 40

Sunday Nov. 14th

Dear Ann and all
No doubt you have been hearing and reading Chinese news and may know almost as much as we do. We had almost no electricity for many weeks, but a single line has been connected and after about a week will get it possibly only 1 in 6 nights for that little bit. Pat's take for money. Curious. He did get the election returns on a friend's radio. These curiously as stronger. Prayed that election to Chao. Then I think he was quite a tall fellow. I think Gallop talks better. He discontinued as ineffectual.

But the election results had serious repercussions here. We had a record on record rate of 10-15. Money stayed put for a while. But less than 3 months back money was completely up and last week almost everything went completely up. I should pay 25 gold for a pack of cigarettes. Until yesterday we were caught with no food of rice. To pay servants altogether \$3.34. I had a month.

But of course that is only a phase of the situation. The Gov. is about on the rocks. Communists are taking over large cities for a change & Shanghai has been a real "Madhouse". Dr. I. was there for a week and brought such a bad report. Daddy at the last minute sold his plane tickets instead of going up to the Central Conf. Ex. Comm. meeting. One big Air Co. is completely sold out until next June. Everyone from the north is trying to come south. Army & Navy families have been evacuated from Hankow and Shanghai.

Personal I too, feel our days are numbered. I expect the Comm. to actually fight their way down. But having gained & controlled sufficiently elsewhere they could very possibly carry out some coup. I take one mother with 3 girls in Shanghai has already asked

on just him so comfortably settled.

And you too will be having a birthday soon. And what a rip-off?!
I hope you have much happiness in that days & many more such. I do
I know about that thyroid reaction. I am of course Cheavakus
my such trouble and feel so helpless being so far away. How is your
home coming along? I'd like to see a floor plan. I hope you are feeling much
better before you attempt to move. If we had to evacuate I'd surely be
all help to that extent when you do move. But then - you know that, but
most very likely prefer to go east. He advises me to send two Christmas cards
packed with things. How do you think about "home" to New York
Los Angeles? Having gotten there for the sole purpose of filling a library
is huge home what would he do with it there. Here while they are at school
waited at some unknown destination? I have no good rep. What would
said home? I'm picked up but getting none. As I said we have nothing
in would be practical to ship out. I say live in it while we're here & say
and live to say we are forced out. white purpose meat

Thanks for article on meat. I'm out of meat, but I'm out of meat
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more high with it. Last year. Climate is normally don't like it but when forced
it can't do it. It's do. It's expecting me 1000 lbs in barrels soon. Customs
made it impractical to be sent in by post.

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P.S. Also the little Chinese girl I tried to have as a friend for you
when you were around mine a so, Pek Ling (Surname Ding)
is now at U.S.C. this year. She is still very shy and timid but
a nice girl & I feel sure is hoping to see you again. Her
Theodore Chew would know her address. You may remember Arthur
Chew who is there also, who got her PhD last spring. I believe Pek Ling
no doubt goes by some fancy Mandarin name but all call her
Pe (Pee) Ling. She is the daughter of Pastor Ding Jing-ah (for your
benefit) from Futsing area. If you could have her out for some time
to pick her up and take her home or something, it would mean
a great deal to her - and to us. She is about your age, has taught
school in Futsing & done well. Is on Crusade scholarship & deserves
a chance. Her older brother was in the brotherhood in charge
of the Architectural Service here now and well liked & a hard
worker. He too, desires to go to the States.

Imagine Pek Ling (Peking) would be in the Science Dept.
I don't really but guess, Chemistry.

LYDIA PI-LIN CHEN

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Ben had come a nice crowd of people in the house, 12 of us together over two meals & more came earlier. For 6 days we all pooled our guests and a committee decided where each would eat. It wasn't really about 200 notices every day. The Murphy ladies brought down their cook for me, he has shown to me had and liked so very much. He and I in worked like generals and must have been during the 100th celebration of Methodism Fall 1947

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But I must get to family affairs: I feel simply melted over recent letters of J. & Bruce and Dorothy particularly after the wedding. I did so very much appreciate Dorothy's splendid letters, it was so thoughtful of her & I hope in a few days to sit down & read all about it when I have time to take it all in more fully & at leisure. Anne's letters too were so full & grand I've even passed it around for a few others to read. Mrs. Pearce's letter was the first I saw in 1 week, & was a joy to me. I know I must have been a beautiful wedding, so many had written about it. Ann, I just know you would be equal to the occasion, & I'll bet & I do so very much appreciate your doing all you did. I was rather sick at heart & think of Bruce's being so out of the family at that time but appreciate all the other family did to fill in place.

I hope by now Bruce, you and Dorothy have gotten settled in your little cottage. I've tried to travel - you in it as you have all described it. I'm so happy you received so many lovely gifts. Dorothy said let tales from cooking books you, I'm sure you will derive even better ones of the time you are as old as I am.

Right now the Donald is on my head & mind particularly. How I wish I were there. I've not been able to write even. Poor fellow, he deserves to come "home" but I shall have to leave even that need for you two children & my new children, to fill. I know you will do all you can. I have had pains frequent on coming out now that Dad has been elected to go back to the States. If only I could have been there with my dear spring & come out with him after getting Donald settled!! But I cannot. I will be separated from you again until the tables turn.

Nov 15th I shall come there for Dow's 20th birthday. I'll be thinking of him that day. How he is now with him. He has been so grand about writing. Ann the parcels arrived last week. I do thank you so much for everything you send. Some things got pretty badly battered up but all arrived anyway. But in the by top from the church, all clock had arrived anyway. But in the by top from the church, all clock had arrived anyway. But in the by top from the church, all clock had arrived anyway.

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get the things & the blue boxes were as pretty, papers had been
taken off of some things but Dad got his gift & I mine his one.

We had 8 contribute, about 10 big boxes & trunks of relief goods
that came direct to us & were stored in the attic & every day or so have
to bring down an arm full of coats etc for the women & for children
to select from.

Mr. Patterson of Balto is coming to plane this A.M. as line
leaving this off to go by him.

I have kept quite well physically, but thankful to say & Dad keeps
coming too. Do keep on writing & not attempt to get cross with me
for this long silence, I hope. I've just been trying to do more than I'm
able to do in a day & can only roll in bed late at night & wishing I felt
able to add another hour & more, but can't.

With much love to all of you,

Devotedly,
Mother

P.S. Ann - Please deposit this check in Sp. Post Office. For Ann. may
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I am so sorry to have not gotten something, a letter at least off to you personally, for your birthday. Affairs are getting up now that guests have all gone from my house yesterday the last and the main work is to dismantle the houses & furniture. The nurse that has helped me in such a grand way is leaving Monday for the country, & we hope to at least return things that are not in small lots & in 2 big houses. One house was one that the Anglicans lent us, then asked if they might have the use of the furnishings for their own yearly meeting starting today. Even that has had to have a lot of checking & revising since the Hongkong people naturally asked some things of them. I must say that through all these big operations, everyone has co-operated in a perfectly wonderful way. We have all been virtually walking in on sleep & if unfortunate people did get away pretty quickly & easily. We had all planned to keep these guests for probably a month, but plane & boat service opened up just right, a large group chartered a plane down from Peking & were able to do the same going back, many thirty people. As far as we have heard everyone has arrived home safely. A large group came in from West China, another from Hankow, & another from Shanghai & others from various other places & the

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Also a consignment of 720 army blankets arrived from South. Chinese Relief to be sold to Mission Workers at \$5-00 each + freight from Shanghai. Having shown me the samples of 4 varieties we found in the first consignment of boxes, a flood of orders, valued at 1300 came in. Hundreds wanted white ones and we had only 80 and discovered that some boxes had been looted so who would carry the loss. Dad decreed every box would have to be opened, every blanket counted & price adjusted so that the mission could elect return \$5-00 to Shanghai. It took days to open unband & count those things, & many days to distribute for someone of course had to stand by & guard the stuff as a treasure etc. So time pressed on us going just as hard as we could from 6:15 till late at night with carpenters, masons, tin-smiths, tailors & more men and a certain amount of social duties & church meetings thrown in. I had better prepare a talk on money, school work I had some, & the value of such schools, & life in China!! don't admit church & heavenly peace.

But when I have felt as this one week walking in our sleep much of the time, the cooperation has been as splendid as sunrise. One tragic thing happened also, for Mr. Wiley had to do too much & had a very severe stroke which paralyzed him permanently I fear. It took out Mrs. W. too, of course & put their work on others & see through as best they could. Dad has gone so hard I have been faint, holding my breath for fear he would have a heart spell, dashing up all these hills & steps & so much responsibility on him. Right now there is a com. of about 30 in the dining room & they would take that for days as we hurry through breakfast before 7:45 & through lunch before 1:15 meetings & so on & 7 P.M. meetings & committees etc. We had a couple of 20 lb. tins of coffee from W.M.R. & I've just almost served the Com. We had a huge salt coffee pot for tea & a couple of big thermoses & have served tea & coffee each A.M. & P.M. down at the Church as it has been very cold & raw & so cold so long. I wasn't actually asked to do that, but felt it a necessity & just went ahead, with the help of the 2 ladies down at the Exhibit Home.

We had once a nice crowd of people in the house, 12 of us together for over two weeks, some came earlier. For 6 days we all pooled our guests and a Com. decided where each would eat. It meant writing about 200 notices every day. The Murphy ladies brought down their cook for me, he knows how Bruce had and liked so very much. He and I worked like generals and

feel us well but it took a lot of my time to learn for the cost of living is
simply appalling now.

But I must get to family affairs: I feel simply mitchel over not getting
letters off to Bruce and Dorothy particularly after the wedding. I did so
very much appreciate Dorothy's splendid letters, it was so thoughtful
of her & I hope in a few days to sit down & re-read all about it when I
have time to take it all in more fully & at leisure. Anne's letters too
were so full & grand I've even passed it around for a few others to read.
Mrs. Peace's letter was the first I came in 1 week, & was a joy to me.
I know it must have been a beautiful wedding. So many had matters
absorbed. Ann, I just know you would be equal to the occasion,
& I'll bet too & I do so very much appreciate your doing all you did.
I was rather sick at heart to think of Bruce's being so out of the family as
that time but appreciate all the other family did to fill in place.

I hope by now Bruce, you and Dorothy have gotten settled in your little
cottages. I tried to nudge you in it as you have all deserved it.
I'm so happy you received so many lovely gifts. Dorothy, don't let tales from
cooking bother you, be sure you will devise even better ones to the time
you are as old as I am.

Right now the Donald is on my head & mind particularly. How I wish
I were there. I've not been able to write even. Poor fellow, he deserves to come
home but I shall have to leave even that need for you two children &
my new children, to fill. I know you will do all you can. I have had
pangs of regret over coming out now that Dad has been elected to go
back to the States. If only I could have been there until next spring
& come out with him after getting Donald settled!! But I cannot.
We will be separated once again until the tables turn.

Nov 25th I wrote some lines for Don's 20th birthday. I'll keep thinking of him
that day. Hope he is now with him. He has been so grand about writing.
Anne the parcels arrived last week. I do thank you so much for
everything you sent. Some things got pretty badly battered up but all
around anyway. But in the big box from the church, all cloth bags
were removed also basin, brown & many other things. I hope to
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a third of their groceries & much more & are sure to happen on the
Marine Adder not later. Any way I must get off a letter to the
church. The computers were gone but even those things that did come
were much appreciated indeed - Am good of them to send it!

Thank you Ann, for the birthday gifts. I am so glad to
get the things & the blue box was so pretty, papers had been
taken off of some things but Dad got his gift & I mine in case.

Dad had 8 definite about 10 big boxes & trunks of relig goods
that came direct to us & were stored in the attic & every day or so have
to bring down an arm full of coats etc for Bill, women & friends to
select from.

Mr. Patterson of Balto is leaving to leave this AM as line
leaving this off to go by train.

Have kept quite well physically, I'm thankful to say & Dad keeps
running too. Do keep on writing & not attempt to get even with me
for this long silence, I hope. I've just been trying to do more than I'm
able to do in a day & can only roll in bed late at night & wishing I felt
able to add another hour & more, but can't.

With much love to all of you,
Dentell,
Mother

P.S. Ann Please deposit this check in Dr. Paschault. For Dr. may
need extra. Draw what is needed and 20 for his birthday from
Mother & Dad

Jan 30th 49 copy

Dear Ann,

I've wanted to get off a note to you for days, and just can't put it off another day.

Full three weeks ago Mr. J. B. Stewart left Fookow for Hongkong expecting to leave soon for the U.S.A. for a 6 mo. tour of Canada and U.S.A. He is a very fine Englishman whom Daddy has known as the head of the Hongkong Shanghai Bank here for many years; a bachelor, I believe. This is to be the realization of a dream he has had for many years. He came in Dec. late one afternoon saying he was leaving next morning by plane since boats had become so uncertain. I did not know he was leaving so soon. But when he spoke of hoping to go to L.A. I gave him (or sent a note) your address, suggesting that if he happened to get there "on a week-end" it would be nice for him to call you or write, and I felt sure that if you could possibly arrange it, you or possibly even Mr. Valois might be able to find time to show him around for a few hours drive through Hollywood or some such. Mrs. Valois, being English might enjoy meeting him.

Though a "business man" he is a fine man, a staunch churchman, some miss him taking the collection in the little stone church here. He also read the lesson almost every Sunday, as is the custom to have a layman read one lesson frequently, in Anglican churches. He has a very slight limp but is a great walker, Englishman. Also he was not only a "reader" in the church but on many social occasions, as reading aloud can be quite an art.

Anyway - if he does by chance turn up, or call up, and you folks are not too involved, it would be very nice to show him a bit of American hospitality by way of the car and be sure to let us know the case. I told him I would write to Uncle Arthur also. He is not a man of means even if he is a "banker". Very few English people have any money these days. He has just scrimped and saved to take this trip on his way home to retire. He is a bit ruddy, medium height, broad shouldered man, balding.

Yesterday was Chinese New Year, the holiday to the Chinese in spite of the fact that all business houses, banks, etc operate on the western

calendar. Almost all prices doubled the day before and the streets took on a Christmas shopping atmosphere. Stacks of long-qui for sale and all housewives making their own and giving it around. We have enough on hand for weeks this I've shared with E. I. and his family all of whom are here right now. The day before all our family "cleared out" in one direction or another and somehow it seems such a relief to ~~the~~ have the house all to ourselves for a few days, tho' there always seems to be someone sitting in one sitting-room or the other. Everybody was out yesterday, on their Sunday best new clothes calling & wishing each other Happy New Year. The town seemed gay as I've ever seen it. Many realize how fortunate Szechwan is to have had peace on this holiday. There is a feeling of suspense, as all await trouble from Communists or a change of some sort - but at least they got over New Year!

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey of this mission are having to give up and return to the States because of his poor health. They were living here with Dad when I arrived. He is one of those people who simply won't take care of himself or spare himself and when ordered to take 6 mos. rest decided surely that they might as well give up. Dad so hate to have them go tho'. She particularly has the language very well & he well enough and he was the only young man in evangelistic work in this conference. Who, pray tell, will carry on the work when our generation dies off? Mr. Cook is a bit younger but not a great deal. Mr. Lacy is older - and none coming on because of the war years and such uncertainties laid here.

But tonight I spoke to Mrs. Humphrey about possibly wearing in board ship & in Shanghai, a beautiful blue satin jacket, lined with baby lambs' wool, that I got from Peking a couple of mos. ago. It was made just a bit small for me & I was much disappointed. But I might lose it out here, so suggested she wear it. It is not a street coat, more of an evening jacket, tho' so many out here fairly live in them in the house. They are leaving by air to Shanghai so she wasn't sure she would have room but I'll take it over in the morning. But if she does take it and it ever arrives in L.A. please pay any duty for me and wear it if and when you like. I'll decide later whether I'm giving to whom. I believe it cost \$16 gold (U.S.) I also brought in a gorgeous bridal skirt, the old kind, very elaborate with the dangling tabs and all in tact, last

mechanic is trying to persuade me to buy it. Also hopes to find the makings for a similar lamp. - not jacked since no such can be gotten from Peking again. I am in the nation to buy some things of value and get them out at once no matter what the duty. But money is quite a problem.

You may wonder what we do with our Sundays. I always think, now this Sunday I'm bound to find some time to write. But as sure as fate, one reason or another makes it seem necessary or wise to fill the day with activities. This a.m. I simply had to wash my hair. I was time anyway, and I had spent hours in the attic moving trunks & boxes & sleeping on a cloud of dust, yesterday. At 9:30 we started out to the airfield to a nearby village for a Church special service. Got home after one. At 2:30 into the city to another " " and at six here. Dad feels he just must be present here & anyway, Creighton Tracy was preaching. His wife just had second miscarriage the other day. I just can't understand why so many girls on here are having such a time. 4 or last six months, I can recall others having scares.

Lalla went to Shanghai to call up her parents. She hates all!! I'd love to call you folks - worst way - but can hardly see spending about 600 U.S. Gold to do it!

Heard by paper that Bank of Am. just opened a branch in Shanghai.

Must get to bed. Woke up last night late then up again prodding around thinking we heard "noises".

I don't think Daddy's eating as he should and is so very tired. Tried to persuade him to go hunting with John Pelly & Da Da but he feels he can't.

With lots and lots of love
Mother

Feb 8th 42 pm

Dear Ann and Renee and all,

I sent today a birthday? & seems to me it is. No doubt there will be a party and fun for all & I do hate to miss it. Just because of it I visited a mother & her 42. old baby in yesterday afternoon & enjoyed having them so much. Mrs. Hawke is the wife of the Jardine Matheson representative here, lives way down at Customs on the water front & with no foreign "community people" in port she is dreadfully alone. Even the Customs Commissioner is now a Chinese, so poor little lady living in a bungalow, having six servants & only one baby, finds life extremely boring with nothing to do but "Kui & see". So we sat and Kui & talked & played & watched the baby, a cute little thing & very good, even the amah does say she has a bad disposition. I kept thinking of Renee & wishing it were she instead.

I nearly fauted this, when the mother, last thing, gave her a piece of Frosted Coconut cake that E Tu had put nuts in. I had not ordered nuts, just said better make a little cake. But that baby about 15-16 mos., lay back in Amah's arms clutching that cake & simply plastered on her face sucking away at the 7 min. icing. In all she devoured that piece, a cookie & a piece of cinnamon toast which I had thought might be allowed. I do hope she isn't sick today. She enjoys a cup of tea each morning with her parents. How will she ever grow & be a beggar girl?!! I hope she enjoyed my ridiculous birthday party as much as I did.

In a bit "layed up" again today as I fell down stairs again yesterday. How I escaped serious injury or a broken arm I don't know. For yrs now I haven't coordinated my legs & eyesight correctly. It seems and every once & a while one foot will slip off the edge of the steps.

and unless I saw Clutching the barometer, down I go. That night
awful, hip and wrist ached all night & this A.M. even the coffee
pot was too heavy. It's terrible & cold! Extremely frustrating. I
am supposed to go into the city this P.M. & still will have to walk
clear across the bridge & get a ricksha. We hear the bridge
will be opened next Sat a week. I said teaching next week.
Next week we had a most unusual spell of hot weather, temp.
76° one day. Lots of people come down with colds after such a spell as
everyone had heavy winter padding on on. It's cold again. Finally
put one of those tin stove in our bedroom. Having to tear an ugly hole
in one side of the chimney though we had to do usually, I had
the tin-smith make a regular pipe with the end up in the fire
place. It draws but just barely. Even so it has been a joy & done
during this holiday as I could work in there, heat our hobnails
for baths & not go & feel so miserable.

I'm so sorry of the troubles in building. I read that building
will probably be cheaper next year - but wouldn't that take it past
the time-limit of the Gov. Loans & G.I.'s etc? To be had. Yes, I still
hope you can have that ironer even a little portable, handy for little
Lollos' clothes. And are you planning a place for a deep freeze? They
are a great invention, surely.

Yes, that cottage would be a grand place to settle down in -
But - Is Dad interested in such settling down? Silence.
I believe in the "bird in the hand" philosophy this, and can hope that if
we can get out - some such refuge may be available. At
present we are sitting tight. It's a time when the thrifty can
pick up interesting pieces here and there if they have the money.
But of course there always hangs over us the possibility of having to
leave with only a minimum of baggage & so have to leave such things
behind. Most things come at demand too much duty & send out in
linen down to that French corner or orphanage - Picked up some
exquisite handkerchiefs made by the children, at about 12½¢ & 15¢ each.
I could resist. They are desperately poor, living on starvation fare really.

so if I earned half the cash would have doubled the price as
I believe they don't realize how fast exchange (black market only) has
soared. Prices always soar as "black market" is quoted as
official exchange can be had. As a matter of fact our last
week was up 20% - too complicated to explain - just was.
Lalla got 1100 & 1 herself in Shanghai but only a little bit
of money for us at official rate. Was rather disgusted. When she
thought a big one before Xmas for herself, she had it sent down
with Cheelo's supplies entirely free to her door but mine is
in Shanghai at Museum Treas. office waiting for some trouble & my
down other than Cheelo's supplies. Said she didn't feel she could ask
the favor twice. Next problem is - how to get home. New ones would
cost a fortune to get in. They are green with beige bamboo & hear.
Blue 4' x 7' & 2-2 1/2 by 3' & I believe. All oral - Also a 10' x 10' I believe
hooked rug in beige with pastel flowers. I'm dying to see them &
hope somehow to get them home. Dad is very sceptical of my
spending my tendencies I fear. Invested \$125 - Good.

I persuaded Mrs. Humphrey to take the blue jacket & wear in
Shanghai on boat. It's blue "tubette satin" lined with lamb's wool.
She is to send it to you & you pay anything necessary. Then wear it if
you like it. See? I have found more of the lamb's wool but only navy blue
satin. Will have another made here. They are so warm in the house in the
evenings or under another coat. I do wish you could have had it during
that cold spell.

Incidentally, what has happened to Calif. Climate? I believe probably
Dr. Milburn Pearce's 25 yr. old prediction may be true, that such vast areas
of irrigated orchards etc. are bound to change the climatic conditions. But
I am glad the children had the experience of seeing the snow fall. I hope
some of them of the big feathered nest type that is in such clear crystals.
I like - another marvel of nature, and back of it the infinite power
of the Almighty. The heavy deep silence that reigns, at least in the country
during a blizzard, is another separate experience that gives one pause
for thought. These dark nights here, I find there is absolute silence
except for Daddy's breathing and the tick of the clock - But it's somehow

does not have the density that prevails during heavy snow fall. I
course I personally got some early mental pictures that accompany early heavy
snow fall. There were always the comments that a heavy blanket of snow would
protect the big hills of buried white potatoes, turnips, carrots etc from
a bad freeze later. I would also blanket the fruit & rough corn & chard on
late cabbage heads, but facing the South, in some protected corner. So
with it definitely a blessing to all winter wheat crops etc as well there was
that very kindly blessing in the heavy early snow. On the other hand I knew
early that before long that it brought its troubles & sorrow & some as well; for in-
evitably before many days there would stand a pile of pitiful procession
of poor aftermen or "dredgers" who would be dismissed (before 6 P.M. & 10
days) without hardly any pay, down the end of the peninsula near Solomon's
Island and would have to walk the long way, about 65-70 miles up to Washington
or Annapolis, passing through Pt. Frederick. I would begin to keep an eye on the big
gate & have that led to the back of the property & the kitchen door. Aunt Annie
would always invite them into the fairly large kitchen, & sit by the fire while
a hearty breakfast was prepared for them with all the coffee they could drink.
I well recall huge pans of hot biscuits as well as corn bread, pork meat of
some kind (for we always processed at least 2 hogs) & molasses which I
still long for. We usually had heard that some had come into town the night before
& had been allowed to sleep in the jail after spending the evening in "Muck Mill's
store". So there are almost always two sides to everything, that are not just
right and wrong sides - just two sides, as naturally as daylight and darkness.

Last night I had the opportunity to buy a red cat. Sable lined (not dyed)
fur coat, a gorgeous thing oh! so thick and warm - but for 500. of Chinese Gold.
As we figure that would be approx 250,000 U.S. or at our exchange about 380
Am. Gold. Want it? Of course if we could get Shanghai Black & white it would
be only 250 - 280 Gold. Add lining and making of course, another 30-40 Gold
probably. Daddy loved it but could find no use for the cash. I have no winter
coat to go home in if we had to leave in winter weather & even if furs are gone down
I would expect Mongolian Sable to be worth more than that in the U.S.A. I hated
that cat fur coat & didn't wear it more than half dozen times last winter
preferring an old cloth coat, longer & lined with silk waste. Of course I can have
feature myself speaking before a little Woman's Society group, in a Sable coat. It
would have to be an investment aimed at getting all I could out of it. But
I had a good time in city, had to say a few words at a Chinese W.S.C.S. meeting, on missions. Splashed
away in Chinese again.

Ann, as to those "potato chip" affairs I left home. They are shrimp - just drop one into
at a time in hot deep fat (put two hot of course) then puff up & are done when a
delicate cream color. White flour has sugar, Baking powder, salt in correct proportion
for simple cookies. Add egg, shortening milk. Arch lose & all & suddenly Mother

Sat. Apr. 29th. 49
Ruep + Linens

Dear Ann, all,

I feel I must send another note since I have these folders & can send only friends staying with us. I hope they are still being used in Hong Kong as it is quite a saving of money of which we have NONE. The money situation which I have feared for a long time, seems to have arrived. Many are leaving hurriedly aboard. Mr. Lacy says he would have gotten on this good ship leaving tomorrow if he could have turned over his work in time. They have sent out everything of value as have most people. I've had another dear little 2yr old here with his Grandma. The parents & baby got in for dinner tonight & will be off at five tomorrow. Fifteen on this ship & everyone scrambling & demanding money. I am writing this, I realize, because I am so worried about Daddy. The strain on him is terrific and he is showing it seriously. The demands on him to finance all this by hook or by crook and to a large degree on faith, are so apt to make him break. He looks so pale & admits he is exhausted. He keeps rushing & rushing until late at night and has to be up early - tomorrow before 5.

Every day the picture seems to get a shade darker. Foreigners in Peking & Tientsin have had to give up all travelers checks & I. checks & understand all greenbacks rep'd. They have been living by borrowing from Chinese friends with no expectation or intention of paying back. That, I suppose, is what we can look forward to. And I don't like it. We hear Quegan has, in Canton, a very large strong tin, is moving, either to Hainan (they're always having trouble there!) to Hong Kong, all places or to Hanoi. There is little difference between the land and the deep blue sea these days. But that shows the fears of approaching trouble of persons at variance with the Communists in Canton. We are adamant in between. Some "prophets" say that if Hainan falls, Fukien & Kwantung will turn over automatically.

So we may not that cottage yet - who knows! Very likely will just miss getting it!!! Just so bloody does it have a spell of some kind! I tried to get my large trunk packed to get on this ship but was too many interruptions. I'm so afraid we will get everyone else off & get caught with our own things there. I do want you to have the useful things & a few linens etc. I finally had the electric frig. crated

today to send to Hongkong hoping to sell it there for something with only a few hours now & then, of electricity, it is no good to us. We have been offered Mr. Innes' 6 cwt. Seal but 'tho' I'd love them I than herren on hand right now, still would it be wise? We have no extra cash at such risky times, even in Am.

Had a letter from Aunt Hilda thanking us for the screen we sent them at the time we sent that cabinet. Was the only expensive item except the rug and linen table cloth, that we have bought mother. And glad they liked it.

Imagine you are in your new house by now. I want to hear all about it.

Donald writes Pomona College has raised its fees & standards. Do you ever see his grades or since he is now 21 is it no longer necessary than any one A.V. his work? He seems worried a bit. I do hope he puts everything aside for his work. Am appalled at his talk of his athletic activities. Why must he be so crazy! Why on earth of this kind coming out again? What systemic change has taken place? Someone should be able to ferret that out. Do make him check with Dr. Eskew now & then. He will do it for you Am. All our love to you all, Devotedly Mother

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TELEPHONE -- 2077

Dear Family:-

I am sending this out by the Henry Lacys who are on 2 evacuation planes, from here today to Formosa, thence by ship to Japan, and home.

The enclosed envelope tells the story in China, - save it, for it may be valuable. I imagine some newspaper might like to print a picture of it. It is an ordinary letter, registered, from Kutien to Foochow, about 90 mile trip. The stamps are \$100 stamps. The post office can not keep up the printing of high enough denominations. Postage is changed several times a day.

The old paper money we have used since last August is not wanted, so we pay bills in the old silver dollars, in gold nuggets, in HK bills, or US cash or checks. Imagine what happens to book keeping. The silver dollars which have come out of hiding, all vary in price too, one supposedly having more silver than another.

Prices of everything, including the value of money changes, 10 times or more a day. One goes to the telegraph office with enuf money, finds it is not enuf, comes back for more, rates have been increased, etc.

Some evacuated last week; today Lacys and Pilleys and MacInnises go, Jarvise too, and some single ladies. Communist radio had reported that it would liberate the poor people of Foochow on the 15th, had the city all upset. Two days ago they apologized, could not do it on time.

We are staying, hoping to be able to carry on as best as can; we know there will be some hardships, but certainly we shall have nothing to bear comparable to what the first century Christians met, in order to start the Church out on his mission. If we can't stand it, and find ourselves either a burden to our Chinese friends, or find we can do nothing constructive, we shall try to get out some way. I think we could, by junk or something like that, from down the coast, to Formosa, or HK.

Continue to write us, mails will get in; they have even up in Peiping, but I do not think we shall be occupied so soon. Of course a turn-over from inside is possible any time.

Heaps of love from us. Please share this with the whole family, as I am writing only this one, - addressed to Ann. Keep sending pictures, we appreciate them so much.

Your daddy,

Daddy

Dear Ann,

Contents of trunk
articles brought by McDonald

Wed. May 18th '49
Cipriani

At six tomorrow the last group to leave before the Communists take over, will take out a few letters for us. Hereafter there drops "the iron curtain" on our activities. Conditions in the "North", that is Peking, Tsinan etc. are fairly encouraging but the mass of rumors that come in from more local areas are far from good. Tonight we were told that late this afternoon, all foreigners were ordered out of Nanking on 5 min. notice. Dr. Donald got his family out a couple of days ago but is himself sick in the hospital here. There are 4 ladies and 2 couples still there.

I've stirred up the house in my usual messy fashion trying to get "order" & do a certain amount of packing, just in case. There are still a few things which were out, and indeed I would hate to lose our large stock of bedding and winter clothes but Daddy seems not in the least concerned. I was for giving away large amounts of goods so that our friends would have them but he feels we should hold on to things. I expect we will very likely have to walk out & leave everything to the public. He thinks we will likely be allowed to stay (as we anyway will see). Now has he wanted me to leave even to get dental work done. Now this P.M. all air service was stopped we hear.

Not knowing what is ahead I went on a spree yesterday and made a big batch of fudge. Why not? Cocoa and chocolate spoil in bad weather also I had hoarded some marshmallows & so put them in the pan & poured the fudge over them. Many have enjoyed them.

I've wished Dad could find time to write me a full account of any finances but he says you already know & that there is. My big concern of course, is Donald's education and getting him started in life. 4 yrs. seems such an eternity in these fast & changing world conditions. With all standards and expenses increased at Pomona, I wonder about his choice of a college in the light of our

inability to help him adequately. He wrote Don, just recently
that "we can and will help you through". I'm not so sure as
that. Recently we invested in a new kerosene refrigerator, sending
an electric Dr. H. King to be sold. We have such poor and irregular
current only a few hours a day if at all. We also laid in
a large supply of kerosene (as much as food) - The ref. is
really my fault but based on an attempt to be logical and
has persisted upon staying and feeling sure all would go
well. Also, last summer he insisted that I must run
one. We kept kerosene ref. at $4\frac{1}{2}$ gal. a week when one was
out of Commission and I felt then that we couldn't afford
it. He felt he simply could not go along without it and
it was true that he suffers dreadfully from the heat. So
we used hers all summer. I am now forced about to be caught without
any at all. But tonight I wonder whether we will ever
use the thing. It has been coal enough that we really need
to use it, fortunately. But - as I started to point out, we
have used up everything laying in stocks - which may
never be able to use. Mr. Lacy spoke, said he intended to
get out when he could sell his possessions at a "good"
price and replace in the U.S.G. I tried to sell some electric
pictures yesterday but couldn't at any price. No one today wants
to be caught possessing anything, but just give them a
chance and they will manage all right, soldiers also. I accept
it as a fact that we will never realize a penny in this big
house full of possessions + car etc. I can't remember winter in
Duchessa province but - we will see. I wouldn't be a bit surprised
if the office looted first thing. They had a ghostly thief recently
by with only about $\frac{1}{3}$ recovered. Too many people know too much
about what is there. One's mind turns to hiding things under
bottom drawers, in books, under cans etc and yet feel like a
real fool doing it. If I were dead I'd hide the gold bars in
a compost pile or some such before I'd leave it up there for there is
a break in or demand. It is very difficult to get gold
bars chopped up and sent out to the Conf. The Gold Queen has been

taken completely off the market and there are not enough
silver dollars to meet the gold demand. A U.S. Gold check
brings only about 1.25 silver but U.S. green back brings nearer
\$1.75 silver so that after Lalla paid us in American in a check
in lost money. Since the mission decided to charge ^{\$1} silver
a day which would have been \$47.25 instead of the 40 she paid.
Suecia muddle!

Do give the girls a special hug for me - frequently. They
will be so grown up soon. Rene is already almost as old as Pam
was when I left.

Am, in those 2 trunks I sent home is that linen dinner
cloth and napkins. I was disappointed in the center which
was made too narrow. If there had been time I would have
had some addition made to put it in better balance. Also
the napkins have a bad feature, the ~~size~~ ^{size} should have been
about $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. larger than the rest of the sides. You will see what
I mean. I was told the head sister would know how to arrange
the pattern right. The small things I would like given as
gifts from time to time. The piece of black silk is
for you - a spring suit or something of the kind, maybe a
skirt - the lambs wool coat would like for Grandma to
wear if she is living next winter. The carved box with 3
partitions give Donald, I like it. Do see that he has enough of
everything. I want to make him happy. Some day, he too, will have
a wife. Keep everything for him. I sent the best table cloth
home too, also a few better pieces of silver. The last minute I put
in that plain blue ring. Use it for somebody - Can you think of
some So Pas. friend who might use that little? Ask Mrs.
Ben. Jones. I do hope he is well and strong again. Give them
my love. All my teaching has suddenly stopped except there
at P.C. and that may stop. I will have too too much time
on my hands unless I take over the housework again.

I've given Mrs. Lacy my engagement ring to give you to keep
probably in the safe. Also this very old Cameo that was Aunt
Annies when she was a young girl. She could have been 96 yrs

use to schools, where they are greatly appreciated. They
are borrowed constantly and Miss High uses them as text
books a good deal. I could see Peace rented in the
books & a few days of not being allowed to read would
be a great boon to him right now. Those football ends
he sent out last summer were the most satisfactory
"Relief Goods" I've handled. Chinese were thrilled to get
them and they were so very practical and useable as
they were without having to be made over. I got so
many women's clothes and they are so little use. He or
at least I was glad when we had to stop them coming
in. Coats are all too tight in the armhole and our way
of chopping up cloth makes things useless. In only four
football teams did we wear roomy raincoats. My eleven
Bible women have begged me to get raincoats for them but
they are just too expensive. We still hope things will be able
to come in. If people hesitate to send to us then let
them send to Mrs. Henry Li, ^{Foreign} ^{China} Miss Katherine Liu
(Liu)
Yunnan Theological College and same address. Either
would see that Bible women received things or whatever
class of people teachers, industrial workers, preachers etc.
as indicated. Both are very able women, good English.
Both, so far, have had funds enough to pay duty etc. on parcels.
Mrs. Li is Conf. W.S.C.S. President, the Bible women & preachers
will be destitute if foreign funds get cut off as members
generally are hopelessly poor.

Mr. Sia Dany Lew returned and gave a most interesting
account of his impressions in Am. He had a most profit-
able trip and will never cease to thank Miss Wood of Rmerys
for her untiring efforts to pour English into him.
With all my love to you all of you
Sincerely, Mother

old ruin. That goes to you for keeps unless I turn up
some day and want it for a while. The little crested eggs
no particular value other than as curios here also. They are all
I had of hers.

I packed the tray of my trunk so late morning before I was
so very tired I fear things may not go through. The little pale
white rose pot of pieces, though enough is fairly valuable
out here. I was just sick when the boy broke one of my
good blue vases. I don't think he meant to but regretted it later.
In I know I could have done a better job myself at home. Such
vases etc are not popular in Calif. I saw you young folks
but we had them on then & I wanted them kept in the family.
I fear the heavy green bowl (a genuine Caledon) may
have crushed the lacquer coffee cups. I hope not. They are
made on linen base you know. We have had such crowds
so often out here, they were very handy & served coffee too. Use
them if you like. I don't know if the ladies in school
you like her has the old pieper now that you have a better
one.

I do hope Ann that you are feeling better. That throat
malady is so strange. I am so very sorry about it. You
speak of Will as though he were still the prize specimen of
good health & I hope it continues. I will be so happy to hear
you are in the new home. How I'd love that cottage! I
may love to Betty with my best wishes for her & the new baby. I
took my love to all the babies family & family. I packed in
my box a suitcase with "essentials" just in case, today, and
think I'm grateful of all the So. Pas. friends who sent them
and other lovely gifts. The tailor has started making the
Victor dresses & I hope will be able to deliver them. I paid
a certain amount today for the first day. We have been lucky with
cool weather.

By the way if you think of it send you call Mr. Morrie in
So. Pas. and tell him the phps. of magazines and books arrived
yesterday afternoon. We arranged to send out Dejeu etc at

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SECRETARY--TREASURER
FIELD COMMITTEE
E. PEARCE HAYES
TELEPHONE--2077

May 18, 1949

Dear Ann;-

I am enclosing the keys for two trunks Mother packed up and sent out to Hongkong last week. The invoices have not yet come but I am sending the keys now anyway.

I am enclosing a letter for Bruce, asking him again to try to handle them for me, and to come to you for the money for freight and duty. If he can not handle them, he will have to get a customsbroker to do it.

Also enclosed are 3 envelopes with provisional locally made stamps, from Hinghwa and Sienyu, which may some day be valuable as collectors' items. Please save them for me.

We are in a very tense situation these days. Last Saturday soldiers revolted in Nanping and rioted. No details have gotten down yet. We now hear, no confirmation, that the group in charge are communists, and that they have ordered all foreigners out of Nanping within 5 minutes notice. I just can't believe it yet.

Saturday night, reports also said that Kutien had also thus fallen. Sunday afternoon, the Cooles came in by their own car, from Kutien, having left at 9 A.M. Sunday, not knowing they had been taken over, etc. So it is hard to believe reports.

US radio reports tonight tell of Communists within 31 miles of Foochow. We hear do not know of it; we know that there are plenty of bandits, and local communists, but no communist army anywhere near like that.

The Communist radio reported they would take over Foochow on the 19th, tomorrow. It may be true, we do not know. All big shots are out; airfields closed, launches, trucks all commandeered.

Mrs. Coole and her two boys leave at 6 A.M. on a British boat for Hongkong; that may be out last boat out for awhile, who knows.

Keep on writing anyway, the mail will somehow get in. I am sure. Don't write anything that may get us in trouble with the censors, etc.

Heaps of love to you all.

Yours daddy,

No bills or rags
if needed. We have
used them & thus
hope no duty is charged.

THE ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

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MEMORANDUM

February 7, 1949

Tien-tain Art Rug Co.,

276 Ave Petain

Received U.S. \$84.00 for rugs for Dr + Mrs Hayes
per Dr Luerson



THE ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS

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MEMORANDUM

Received US\$40⁰⁰-

for rug for Hayes
per Lulla

Feb 5, 1949



May 31st 49
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Dear Ann,

Just a hasty note to send out by the Am. Consul who has been with us for almost a week. Clearing up all legal matters he can before Com. descent upon us (or rise up among us).

All goes on as usual here. Had a very pretty wedding from our house Friday. Judy Heinsohn has been living in the city but moved out here to be married in the Stone Church. She wore her sister's wedding dress, very beautiful, and her grandmother's veil. All sent out by air + rings even. All the pretty touches of an Am. wedding. Had a shower for her, an engagement party ^{+ a dinner party exp.} (in the city) and after the wedding, a reception in our lawn. It was a perfect day and the cake which 23 of us shared in from. There was very beautiful, 4 stories high. ^{she & the bride & groom took wedding pictures.} Lessie borrowed a top piece with lilies + fern from a young couple in the city + had gardenias all around the base of it. For 16 cents I got 3 pails full of gardenias. A friend sent me 8 enormous ^{white} magnolia buds that made a gorgeous arrangement also. Flowers everywhere.

We had those 2 dry days, just perfect for the wedding but constant rain before and since. Dry bronchitis tubes object seriously + I'm resting all I possibly can, since headaches constantly. Fear I'll lose my voice too.

Schools have had early commencements but some classes go on hoping to finish according to schedule. Money is still our major problem + costs out of sight. Have had 6 died in family (4 men) and often guests. 14 guests invited for conference with Consul yesterday, left on June 2 wedding cake, luck!

On the side - we count on "life as usual." Could you imagine about "sedums" and send me by air either 2 or 3 plants, leaves, or whatever are needed. See March 1949 Better Home Gardens. I never heard of them before. Send via

Hongkong." No more could get a start. I have just the place
for such a plant. Want several colors.

Must run Oclass

Washed

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Dear yvonne moved. Do tell details -- I long of course
Moisten

NO. I sent "sedum" in letter by maximum weight allowed &
Believe it or not they survived & grew.

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Sender's name and address:-

Mrs. E. P. Hayes
Foshan
Fukien, China

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Mrs. Milton Wm. Valero
51 E. Bonita
Seena Madre
California
U.S.A.

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May 3rd 188⁴⁹ Later

Dear Ann,

Lalla just came in and brought the enclosed pictures. They are so good I decided to get them off to you at once, since Consul Miller isn't off yet.

No. 1. is the corner of the side lawn where the large azaleas were so beautiful and so fragrant earlier in the spring - back of stone seat. The flower beds at end and at foot of bank were lined with snap dragons, African daisies, lavender allspice (can't recall spelling) and a lacy pink plant which I don't know the name of - got young plants by the dozen from Krumpholtz. Also against wall are rose colored spider lillies early and iris later and two others coming on later. My aim is to put in perennials as much as possible. This area was a tennis court when you were little.

II. is front of the house. There is a large spring on left not showing. Lalla's bathroom on left end, on corner right, porch in between.

III. Lalla in front of bank of potted flowers under large water tower. Had this in all seasons. Tall white for the wedding as marguerites & Easter lillies were at their height. Lalla is very tall.

IV. Scene at the end of porch.

This film was over a year too old but not bad at all. We had had supper for too large crowds over the corner near the stone seat several times last summer, by putting up card tables and taking out the dining table right into the yard, hands.

Al. & I tell you in my other note that I sent
the bride's cake on a table right in front
of that bank of white flowers, using ten
huge pots of Easter lillies in all. They grow so
large and rank out here. Some stalks had as
many as ten blossoms. Imagine the fragrance!
God may seem to neglect his people out here,
at least many live in misery, but the usual
balance is expressed in the glorious
beauties of nature. We can't go to Grand Opera,
Theatres, Ballads or even the beach but we
can enjoy our friends amidst the flowers
and gorgeous scenery. One man in Trochu
has hundreds of varieties each of azaleas and
orchids. Unfortunately he does not arrange them
with any thought of giving them setting, just
crowds them together. Last year I bought 2 large
plants of Gardenias and 2 of the little double variety
which I left in pots & sent him to bring them on to the porch.
They are there now each a mass of sweet blossoms. I
did the same with Azaleas leaving 2 large pots &
bring to the porch. They were heavenly. Frezars were
out at the same time. I'd stop & drink in the perfume.
Incidentally I spent 120 lbs. of rice paddy both ends
of the bank, one end of which you can see - eupaly of
each clod with several long bamboo sticks. Myself much
of it. It was so bare & ugly when I came. Otherwise I have
bought only 2 sweet shrubs this year. No money for such
things these days. I wish on this I have been helping 2 girls
who have been giving me much pleasure. One girl
Yong Hwa Cio is in Hwa Nan High School, the daughter
of a poverty stricken preacher may dream below

Consul Muller is back for the fourth time and to stay over night. No plane in. It is such an old story. No planes in at all from Shanghai since the war so really had there to be ships brought in several letters from Mr. Maub. The war strangely was so confined to definite areas that "down town" went on just as usual the days. Dad just in & a few letters were an odd end no one knows how they arrived.

Shipping out of here has been very irregular. The last one found that conditions for unloading were so bad at Pagoda (prices, loading, unloading as well as legal difficulties) that they took their entire cargo back to Hong Kong. Dr. Dons Hsu who has acted for Dr. Lucy Hongs as President for several ^{at Homa Nam} ~~difficult~~ years was getting off for a respite in U.S.A. There was no boat, launch or even sampans to be found but a man finally found one for two days down the river. He drove a couple of miles down below the bridge then walked a couple more to see her off. Imagine the river and bridge with thousands of little boats. They knew soldiers would come mander them so fled up little streams farther away.

Now before you leave Hallston I hope you will put in my name for any pictures or Sunday School illustrated material, picture books etc they would spare to pass on to Sunday Schools out here. Of course no English is

Nguyen. She is a cute plump little girl who is
clean with her hands, so since she insists upon
helping me in return I've been giving her hose
& mends. My eyes are so bad now & I have so many
headaches she is the joy of my life, coming on
Sat. afternoons. We have tea together as I was
of giving them some extra food which they need
so badly. Whenever possible I find something to do with
her & Thien Bui Quang, the college girl, who comes in
often to read or help in any way I happen to think
up. Bui Quang has a terrible time with English, just can't
take because she never had a foreign English teacher
until last term, learning only through the eye; but
I try to remember & talk away at her. I've given her
a number of pieces of your clothes. Maybe I told you
she and her mother lost practically everything they had
except a few pieces of clothing she had at school, last
June in the awful flood. Her mother is a tubboman
& I'm supposed to move on less look after their welfare.
I've enjoyed this "only child" of the widow, so much. She's
not really attractive but is blooming thick. She's
just been too poor all her life. It's such a temptation
to give them a tin of milk powder, sometimes cocoa
etc. all along, for they get such very poor diet. She
says all girls who live within reasonable distance have
food sent her extra, daily. Yet she never asks for anything
I have to be a jump ahead & pump her to find out her
needs. Shades of you, Ann, juggling away at
Alexanders! I'll always think of that and that awful
summer at the Nelson place as black poison
Hayes history. You were surely one good sport.

understood short of College, on the whole, but
they long for pictures. We have, in America,
so much to entertain and instruct children
& so much to help teachers do hard for
them to realize the complete lack of such
things out here. I found a class of about
25 little ones from 4 - 7 being held, down here
at Tienglung Dong. The young girls in charge had
nothing whatever but small chairs that Joseph
had provided, and some cheap paper to
cut out a silhouette of some figure & paste
on a dark back ground. They seemed quite
happy in their activity - making us realize
again that in many cases our Am. Children
are so infected with exciting, stimulating
material and activities that they easily
become bored and sometimes aggressive
sophisticated. Nevertheless too little is too little and
our Church leaders are in great need of pictures,
Bible Story scrolls etc. Of course pictures that
show elegant Am. homes, churches or schools
are only entertaining to their curiosity & have
no spiritual value. I thought, at times, it
might even be a valuable pastime for a group
of young mothers to get a collection
of such material then together one by one
evaluate the pictures. You would discover
that a good deal of valueless art is put

Don't forget Xmas cards - Used candles

over on a thoughtless public in America,
and some is pretty dumb art it seems to
me, the lesson being hard to find & quite
obscure in a foreign land. Such an evaluation
might even lead to an interesting study
of religious art and its value. Lacking it, out
here Chinese who are very earnest evangelists
are producing extremely crude material
but at least direct & to the point. Art has
played a tremendous part all through the
ages in preserving and promoting the
Christian message and history. I only
20th Century art will I think some world
cataclysm, to represent and portray the
Christian message, what effect would it have
on the few remaining inhabitants & their
descendants? A couple of sessions on the
subject might be rather stimulating.
Wed. Today is supposed to be the real Dragon
Boat Festival. Everyone has made and is
eating the tucum - leaf wrapped rice cakes,
the office has declared a holiday, but the rain
kills up no exciting rhythms, which is an
ominous silence. It means that the old rain
is on the rampage. Yesterday only a very few
dared to trust it. Last night hordes of flying
termites were trying to find access to the house

Last year friends united us to a lovely
clean boat & anchored in midstream
where we had a thrilling couple of hours.
The racing is not always organized with
a definite starting & finishing point. One
of the long, slim and highly colorful "dragons"
glides along side another, each moving
with slow even rhythm of "drummers" up
front almost under the dragons head and
the "gong" or second man who really sets the pace
standing midship using every muscle, it
working up a crescendo of speed and
blood racing excitement. The movement of
oars, also decorated, is machine perfect.
The oarsmen often stand in rhythm, and
the extra man up front, at the right moment
sets off a volley of firecrackers. One man goes
to race ahead of the other to some
satisfying degree so that it is called "rei".

Sometimes someone throws off of the
back of their "guest" boat a duck or
chicken & there is a merry race to
retrieve it as a prize in no time at all.
Some crews have costumes. I had hoped
to do so again this year.

I have now made up a "Birthday" Talk to give to
The Little Hill Church L.S.C.S. on the 12th in Chinese.
With I had some appropriate pictures or something
for inspiration. Allocated Brother

Dear Ann,

June 5th 49 cpm

Still we go on expecting the evil day of a turn-over which still has not come. Always returns but still we go on pretty much as usual here in Faocham. Dr. and Mrs. Roderick Scott are going out by plane today & will send you this note. I am sure you must remember Dr. Scott the tall big Philosopher and his nice wife who were our neighbors at Kilebeg for some years. He recently had a thyroid tumor of some sort removed &alla send a slide to Harley to get all things and verified here report that it is malignant. She got the report back within ten days of the operation. I believe it was. I don't mention this around Donald tho as the Claremont relations might not have been told. I just don't know. He is going to Boston for treatment. A famous doctor there is doing the most notable work in such tumors it seems.

We have had so much rain we are green or bray with mold, almost. Everything is moldy. Those rose paper curtains are even dotted with islands of bray mold. The earth worms that are a real friend of man out here, and as big as little snakes, constantly piled up big jobs of earth all over our nice lawn & of course ruin any lawn mown. Dr. has always stamped around on them to flatten them down but was told the other day, that that catches very fertile and would be the gathered for use with flowers. Sir I learn!

We have been having a great round of spring school concerts everywhere, then commencement & so on, plus a great round of business meetings, finishing up the winter program & planning for summer. The Relief Com. of our Mith. Conf. meets more often than usual as conditions squeeze many out of work, retreating soldiers, devastate whole villages and the pressure of mere existence for the masses grows more intense. Whenever possible enough Relief given to try to start up some means of a livelihood. Even 50 lbs of rice gives a "start" to some whereas some need 4 or 500 lbs. It is hard to get rice as it is the end of the season before new crop comes

on the market in about six weeks. I'm entirely out of money now
 and am last paying servants & paying bills for milk, salt & meat
 etc. and 30 cts each for 2 girls in school. We deal for the most part
 in one lump of gold (pure Chinese), some of it in thin wafer like
 pieces, some like little pieces of taffy. I imagine taking care of the
 kind of currency, 5 km gold worth is no bigger than a flat silver
 pearl. Some silver dollars are to be had. Their value has run
 up and down from 2 U.S. gold to 1/4 U.S. gold. I have not the slightest
 idea how much to charge the 2 men (Coolie & Donnie) who
 live here now not able to return to their states because
 we are "not liberated" and their home states are in.
 Mrs. Mair flew back to Shanghai after had made a long
 itinerary supervising building. They hoped to pack their house-
 hold effects & move to Taichow taking Henry & Lucy home but they
 were just too late & are stuck there.

Some say many tens of thousands of Central Air troops are coming here
 for a "last stand". Heaven help the people here if they do. Chinese homes here
 are already packed with soldiers, rich & poor alike.
 H. H. Our mail folder
 Love to all. This is my last
 devotedly Lily

Sender's name and address:-

Mrs. E. P. Hayes
 Taichow
 China

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Mrs. William H. W. Wilson
 513 Bonanza
 Sierra Madre
 California, U.S.A.

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HONG KONG



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Foochow Aug 1st '49

Dear Aunt Maud and all

We haven't heard from you for so long I am afraid you stopped writing or sending things because of what the P.O. say in U.S.A. I hope not for if you have not sent for some time we really may not get it. Do keep on sending to H. K. King & either Miss Myrtle Smith, Church Guest House, Upper Albert Road, or to Mrs. McCoy, Hennessy Road, Sailors & Soldiers Home. They forward all mail & so. All business is carried on thru them.

Frances Fulton is going down today for a 2 week vacation and I had decided to go to get more reliable dental work done, but last Fri. decided we just couldn't possibly afford it. She is taking out mail. We still have not been "Liberated" as the Com. say. Some say we may expect them as soon as the harvest is over this month. Consuls are urging everyone to leave since groups started holding people as sort of hostages, in Hankow and Shanghai. With Diddy running what is considered "big business" in Foochow, I don't feel any too easy about it as they can think up the craziest situations imaginable. As it is, the British Consul has ^{been} sent in to try to straighten out a land deal which includes the land where our new Office building is - and it's quite a huge building - I didn't seem right, some, to build the thing in the first place, but Mr. Maund seemed to be the high Mogul in such decisions & up I went. That where Maund's home used to stand (burned down) and the whole stretch to the old British Church has been leased for about "99 years" I suppose by the British Gov. at ridiculously

low rent, as was the custom in the old days. Evidently the
lease must be about up & the Lau Clan are making trouble
if it is given back to the clan they can charge anything
& the sky will be the limit!

We hear Mrs. Wiley's mother is failing very fast & the
family are urging Mrs. W. to get home soon her mother
Mrs. Wiltse is distraught for fear Mrs. W. will be caught
here & she cannot even hear from her & she very likely
will be. Mrs. W. carries such a heavy burden here it would be
terribly hard to have her go & many Chinese go to her for advice.
If you wanted to phone Santa Ana at my expense & reassure
Mrs. McFarland (Pastor of First Presbyterian Church) that so far
all is well here & Mrs. W. is trying hard to make up her mind. Very hard
for Mrs. W. as it might mean the end of her missionary ^{career} in China.
We are well & mother not too badly yet.
With lots of love to you all, Devotedly Mother

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Sender's name and address:-

Mrs. E. P. Hayes
Fochien, Fukien
China

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Mrs. Wiltse 72 Nelson
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Senior Middle
Calif. H.S. A.

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Sender's name and address:-

Mr E P Hayes
Teacher
Tuberville, Clarks

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Mr Milton W. Baker



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Teacher
Aug. 11th 49

Dear Ann,

I have not heard from you for so long I fear you may have focused moving and its problems just too much & are sick. I do hope not. I think so much of you and the family getting used to the new environment. It would be a bit hard for the little girls being transplanted. Yet it must be a great relief to Milton having home corner & knowing it is your own. My own sense of satisfaction for you is tremendous.

Dorothy wrote of house hunting. Rents must be terrific if those two consider \$55 very low, or is Bruce's head still in the clouds! I rather gather that their bank earnings so well has meant that they have invested in ^{their} finer quality rather than any form of security for the future. That standard was real wisdom at one period of history when a man very early settled down in a permanent home for life & future generations. But -

this present age is a bit different - even tho you know I do pre-
fer good quality. One needs to take a pretty broad view of life
these days, and look at the future from a good many angles.
Dorothy also says she is "sure" Bruce will not undertake
to learn the Bauhuys Business from the bottom up, as he has
been offered. I will certainly rest easier when he seems settled
in some line of work that he likes & has more real eagerness
for than just for the money he earns from it. There is just so
much more to life than money and personal entertain-
ment. (I've stopped inquiring about Bruce's diploma!)

Where is Donald? I do let me know soon. Last he wrote was
from the north where he was traveling with a friend. Am glad
he's having a good vacation. Is there to be any proof in-
valued? I am surely concerned over his returning to
Norton, from several angles, and particularly if the
(Mrs) Principal's son is working there also.

As you see we are still going along O.K. here. Even indulged
in a Blazer cake yesterday which always is a sign of a
feeling of security & daring to use our supplies. Several ladies
and I are holding a formal workshop English Teaching Methods.
One had written her Ph.D. on the subject after 3 yrs. work efforts
in the field, both at Univ. of Chicago and Boston & Penn. She has come
head on with old principles out here. I wanted to get all I could from
her & do my own evaluation. ^(saw for 30 min) Now having taught College English &
Chinese, I feel terribly timid about it, so am out to learn.

Have any packages of curios arrived? Are there trucks? I've been
sending out now & then, am sending two today by Dr. Dutton.
Dad is well. I am getting fat for some reason! Consequently
my right hip is troubling a lot, yet I keep going so days fly by with in-
credible speed. It's been hot too. Am studying Mandarin, attending road
& meetings & committees, visiting & keeping me constant stream of both women &
their children in & out of hospitals. So much sickness & never never before so
much destitution. Students caught here cut off from support because of
mummers occupation. Hundreds on Gov. service cut off with no income & no
jobs. Dad's private Sec. who was his life partner last winter, has me down with TB.
He is quite desperate. He hopes to take care of her when she comes home. With all our love, Mother

Sunday night, Aug. 14, 1949, Foochow

Dear Ann and Milt;-

It is hard to find time to write, but I have this evening free and have written to you three kids, and Grandmother in Washington. We start our office at 8 and run through 1, during the summer. That gives the office a break in the heat of the summer. But I am back every afternoon too, in fact, many Sundaystoo as I just can not keep up with it all.

Did I tell you of the great luck I had had with a stenographer? ^{"secretary" fast dictation}
A Mrs. Yeh, who married a Foochow boy who got a scholarship to USA and had a course in Hopkins in public health work. Mrs. Yeh is a Chinese, of 3 generations living in Australia, so she speaks perfect British and does not know a word of any kind of Chinese. They had a baby born in San Francisco, so the family came to Foochow with Mr. Yeh on Chinese passport, Mrs. Yeh on Australian, and the baby with an American passport.

She is exceptionally fast and efficient, and I was sitting in clover, - but alas, poor girl, she went down last week with TB, with 3 lesions, and will have to take at least 6 ~~weeks~~ months of absolute rest, - after may have to go back to Australia, for her mother to take care of the baby.

8/14/49 Another unpleasant subject, - our "liberation". Thanks goodness it has not yet come. 4-5 days ago it looked as if it were sudenyl coming down upon us. Lek-du, up river and inland, where Miss Mann lived, and Ing-tai, but west of Futsing, way beyond those high ranges we could see from Futsing, have been taken.

We thought they would be rushing right on down and take us, but right now they seem to have headed for Amoy, but of course it may be only a feint, and we will get it this coming week. If they by-pass us, it means we will be "negotiated" later probably. That would not be so bad, as we would probably have a peaceful turn over that way and no period of uncertainty inbetween when ruffians could loot and riot.

The stories coming out of "freed" territory are beyond credulity; I can not fathom how they expect to build a new nation after they have so completely alienated the very people they came to set free from their serfdom, the farmers, and the common man.

All I can see is that they expect to let die off the older generations, - the old people of 30 and over, and then build in the next 10-20 years with the youth they are training now. In Kucheng, or Kutie we hear that youths just out of the junior high, not graduated yet, are department heads in the county government. Of course they are completely indoctrinated, and do as they are told, so they are sure servants of the government.

Both are well, except Mother' slight cold, Lots of love Yours,

Monday night - Temp 100³ and muscle head and chest cold which I don't turn off as easily as I thought. Anyway meetings are called off which is a relief this does too bad. Since the new group in the Church has had special opportunities for a change of some sort, in study, retreats at Kishan or here in Toach no. But the poor Preachers' miss have had to keep plodding right on, the young ones absorbed in reproducing, the old ones surrounding themselves with their grandchildren & all in all very few doing much of anything in the Church. They might, at least, have had something worth while to think and talk about for a while. Besides hoping to teach them to help in teaching new Christians made by a Christian family - versus the Buddhist, idleness super family, we had lectures & discussion on Public Health, Care of Babies and young children in the homes, Nutrition. What the Church can do to train the village girls 10-12 or 13 yrs old who are left at home to care for the little ones while parents are in the fields etc. of course games, toys - singing & recreation for them. Mrs. Moly & I had planned one Reception here in the Church. But as all off. Don't worry. Don't take your own heritage too much with all in the end. Mother

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So many more to read I dare not write all. Please
hand around to Ann & Don.

Tsochow Sept. 8th 49

Dear Bruce and Dorothy,

I am writing to you first since you were much
in my mind yesterday. Was it your second wedding anniver-
sary? I hope your car burned & that you may even have re-
membered "Mother". Even tho it may be very late. I send congrati-
lations.

We were "liberated" on the 17th of Aug. I think I was. I was
sick in bed so didn't let myself get too excited. There was an hour
or two of fighting by a small group whose bad luck it was to be
left to "defend" Princess Hill up above the Eng. Club house. The
main object seemed to be to give more time for large groups to
get away. There was really no defense of the City whatever. There
had been fighting down around Pagoda tho. The army came
in along the river road up from the University.

So far we have been left strictly alone as far as compounds
are concerned. The several Dis. who commute each day were not
able to travel for a while but now cars are registered & all is as
before formerly as far as foreigners go. We do have sentries out from
the compound & things carried out, no moving from place
to place. Bishop Lacy and Dr. Downie went up river Monday but
no one seems to have heard from them so far. Mr. Coole hopes
to return to Kutter tomorrow. No passes are issued as yet,
one just goes and sees what happens.

The poor Chinese are of course the first sufferers and
their suffering is really pitiful already. That will be by cold
weather. They have been bled by Nationalists, bandits and now
these. Mrs. Founds were on their way in but missed arriving so that
has caused severe shortage among Christian workers. Both Shanghai
& H.K. are working hard on it now. The blockade is the great hindrance.
The Gordon Journey only is 3rd off. I think) has permission to enter
Shanghai and take on Am. citizens. Therefore I am sending this
by Mr. Hu Dug Huang's car, who starts to Shanghai by Nanping, Shaowen
etc. & railhead on to Shanghai, tomorrow, returning to school.

We are well except that Dad has such severe prickly heat
trouble all the time it just about "indoo" him. The matter has made
worse last week end by a new prescription a friend had sent from
H.K. must have been too strong for it burned him severely and made
the area larger even - It has been very hot and very sticky

in spite of a very long drought. The gardening time no rain to speak
of for months. Schools are open for registering but very few students so far,
since many have no possibility whatever now that rice has been
taken from all, many are cut off from a living because of change of
bar. and church workers have no idea when more money will come
in. Then there are those who are wealthy but dare not let it
be seen that they are. I was to have taught Freshmen in
Hwa Nan College but as it is now, there may not be more than
the two foreign ladies can carry - Q.C.C. Junior High the same -

The Gov. is slow in getting organized so one does not
know yet the shape of things to come. Money is a huge ? of course.
Silver is now being turned in for their new money at 2000 to 1
but that varies in the pt. also hear. M. Freyries, of course, must
take only the straight and narrow path. Much effort is made
to work up Anti-Am. sentiment here. Soldiers have been
told all sorts of tales about Milltor's branch being about to
take over Formosa & that they are steaming into the mouth of
the Min river. There is cannon firing to be heard daily down
river somewhere. A big attempt was made to take Hantung. Here it
was unsuccessful. They plan to use that as a stepping stone or spring
board to Formosa. They are slow in taking Amoy, not so easy.
The province as a whole is gone tho. Bert Farrell had the closest
contact or escape in Tung Tai. He had just arrived to hold
property while a lady took her vacation when the war rolled
right through his compound & buildings where he was, he barely
escaped a bursting shell, by a corner when others were seriously
injured.

In making preparations for class work in English I came across
some of your old books Bruce, workbooks etc. Among poems several
you learned and enjoyed. How well I recall the gusto with which
you gave "The Owl Critic" - Anatomy teaches, Ornithology preaches
An Owl has a toe that can't turn inside. etc, Remember? Your memory
was very good and you got such a kick out of those speeches -

Now eating Chinese lunch these days & buying only fresh
tidbits this doing all right & no worry about us - Lin Dong all
can do encourage and help wherever I can for so many are worse
off. Cheelo died. Mr. hopes to move back soon. Mr. Lalla Ierson
who was with us, got caught out on vacation, and flew home to
Florida. Wish you could meet her - a very unusual character, a real
genius. Have had no mail from any of you for so long. Please keep
up writing thru H.K. Que lot of mail arrived last week by some
little boat that sneaked in. No home mail tho. With much love
Hope you found the house. Mother

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TELEPHONE -- 2077

Dear Bruce and Dorothy:-

A friend is going to Shanghai tomorrow and will take these letters, in the hope that they can get out on the President Line Gordon which is scheduled to evacuate some British and Americans on the 15th. This will be slow time to you, but it seems about the best we can do at the present time.

There does not seem to be much indication in this regime that they intend to move or act in the fast tempo of the world as we know it; all of life, with its standards, etc., seem to be tending toward a great simplification, with its consequent slowing down.

The airfield here was mined to blow up and part of it was wrecked, but I hear that 3/4 is still intact so that it could be used and I hope that some day again we may have air service, but so far that does not seem to be in the program at all.

We are all well, have plenty to eat and although short of actual cash, we are getting along all right. We have resources but they have not yet set up procedure for exchange of US or HK checks, or cash. That will come some day soon we hope.

Travel was restricted some but actually we seem to have considerable freedom. All of our church work is carrying on; the ~~actually~~ church attendance seems higher everywhere than previously. Schools are planning to open next week, with some restrictions of course, with student, staff, and workers having representation on the management and control groups. There is a very real attempt to give everyone representation regardless of class or standard, and as a result, there seems to be an objective of making all one class.

We had a letter yesterday from Mr. Wiant, from Shanghai, taking only 7 days, overland. So we hope that now we have been "liberated" that we shall get our mail more regularly. Continue to write and we will get it some day. We naturally want all the news.

Which reminds me, - isn't this about your second anniversary date? It hardly seems possible. I shall be most anxious, Bruce, to learn whether or not, you take up the Bank offer to study various branches of the work, for possible later administrative work. It was quite a compliment that they opened such a door for you.

Mother seems in fine health and spirits, but she does miss so much letters and news from you kids at home. So write often, please. Lots of love from us both.

Yours, Daddy

Please share with Ann

and Don

Daddy

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December 18, 1949
TELEPHONE--2077

Dear Dorothy and Bruce;-

Well, today was a big red-letter day; we had your (Dorothy's) long letter telling of your new house. We had not heard for a long time, mails were held up. But today I received 57 letters, - and the fine Australian Chinese secretary I had, really as fast and efficient as any I have seen, went down two months ago with TB, is getting better but still can not come back to the office.

We had a letter from Dr. Iverson several days ago and she told of receiving a very fine letter from Bruce, - so that from her letters, at least we knew that you were still in the land of the living.

I wish you could meet Dr. Iverson. She is recognized from what I hear as one of the most up and coming pathologists of the young group, in the States. She graduated with honours from Johns Hopkins, and has entree to all centers in the States.

She is one of the most remarkable women I have met, brilliant but very human and humble with it all. She is very versatile, and would make her way and name in any of a number of lines. She evidently much appreciated your taking time to write her, Bruce.

We were so happy to hear all about the house; I can not picture just where it is, but have a general idea from your description. I know that with the extra space you will feel happier, for we all like to spread out a bit.

We here are well and things are going along fairly well. There is of course much clashing as adjustments are made between the old and the new way of looking at things. The attempt to make everything one level is very real and in the matter of finances that is being accomplished rather quickly.

The old graft, accomplishing of ones purposes through mere friendship, regardless of the justice involved, is really like a breathe of fresh air in this old land of corruption. Can it hold? That is what everyone asks, and we hope it will. Of course the dangers for a group that has been primarily an aggressive group in the country or the hills, when they come into the city and meet the ease, comforts, and attractions of the city life, and its crookedness in business, etc. will be a real test.

The other difficulty they face is deeper for it is psychological, - that is, to make the adjustment after 20-30 years of offensive against an enemy, to settle down, when in power, and stop destruction and become constructive. It is always easier to tear down than to build up; we shall see. They surely are going after education of the common people, nobody else amounts to anything anyway.

Will add more later, if possible. One ship has just come in, a blockade runner, and I would like to get this out by this ship. All are well, love to you both. Write about your work, Bruce.

Your Daddy

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PS - another page, after all.

The mail has been coming in, from Canton, overland to Foochow, or from Shanghai, overland, for some blockade runners have gotte in and out there.

This British registered ship due in here is supposed to bring gasoline which is sadly needed. I have to go easy on the car as it will be so hard to get any new; last price I heard was about US\$3.00 per gallon some weeks ago, would hate to ask now.

Yesterday the paper published the new car registration tax, it is \$280,000 per 3 month, or about US\$16.00 That is not as bad as Shanghai where they had to pay about \$200-125 per 3 months.

We have been free of nationalist planes for several weeks, but today being the first clear sunny weather, 2 came over, bombd an up-river launch we hear, with troops and supplies on board; we watched them dive and drop. We have seen so many bombs drop in the last month or so. It seems so senseless, and so many innocent are hurt.

The head of the fire department here was instructed not to aid any foreign property if it is hit by bombing or incendiaries. on the theory, I suppose, that the planes came from foreign sources, and therefore, let them burn. Nice thought, as we have such frequent low flying visitors.

Our office building has 2 floors of concrete and is well built, and that is where I am during the day. Then we have a dugout, way down under the building, that could have withstood most of the kind London got. It's not pleasant even at that.

Mother is so busy, teaching in Anglo Chinese College and Hwa Nan College, beside her church work, and supervisor of the deaconesses or women's work of the Foochow District.

If anyone asks you these days, tell them that our mail is now getting through, and packages too seem to be working through slowly. The duty on "luxury" goods may be high, but seemingly the government wants the income and as long as anyone is foolish enough to pay such high prohibitive amounts, they are willing. That is the case with cars; no individuals are supposed to have them, except for government service; others, if they do have them, must pay the high costs.

I may not get a chance to write Ann and Donald. Please share this with them. No letters from Don, but three today from Ann, with pictures of the new house; so grateful for them.

Daddy

Jan. 25th '50

Dear Ann,

I really have been much too long since I wrote home. It's quite terrible of me, especially since you all are in my thoughts so much. Now that my last classes for the term are over, the frock or district meetings are over and the Chinese are mostly booked with moving to their new apartments and getting ready for Chinese New Year, I have time to catch up with myself. I should have been writing you but in the first, it seems.

Ann, your letters are always wonderful, & so. I do enjoy every word and even share with Mrs. Wally and Miss Jones & others even less interested. The pictures of the letters are so cute! I keep them tucked in the corners of blotter mat on my desk so that they are a constant source of pleasure.

I'm very glad you got the chance. Some day the children can be entertained, no end, by tales of their relatives, their mode of living etc. It means so much to children to have a sense of belonging to a clan of northwile people; great or small they all add up to a sense of security and a generally atmosphere of liking a lot of people.

I was sure good of Mother Valois to take so much responsibility while you were gone. The longer I stay away the more timid I shall be to do that, and the allowed the more liberal I become toward little one's ways. Creighton's wife has mistreated children so badly & has failed to carry it three times for girl. But Emma has been amused recently, seeing her with the big responsibility of a Kitten to train, she was enforcing all sorts of rules and don'ts - how I remember my extreme solicitude over your habits when you were a baby! I fear you would have been hopeless, spoiled if I had it to do over again. For.

fortunately you and Mrs. seem to have developed a happy balance on the subject, and don't hold my good intentions too much against me. As to your birthday, Ann, we were really disappointed that you did not receive our cable. Wanting to remember Donald also, we sent it between the two dates, sending to him lest he feel too much like second fiddle. Did he receive it? Isn't he living at Norton? I really am quite concerned for fear that will not prove a good arrangement. I haven't heard from him since the summer, whereas he used to write quite regularly. Boys or men will be men & go girl crazy, but we always hope they will have sufficient common sense in their make up that they will not ham-string their whole lives by it. The account of his shiftless rasp at your house rang a familiar note which I hoped the group had silenced forever. Still, I am convinced that my being there in So. Pas. would have made little if any difference. I do so hope & pray constantly that he may be led to plan his life properly for he would be sunk in regrets later.

I have had such a good time trying to teach Eng. to Hwa Nan College Freshmen. Not that I have the conceit to think I could qualify, really, but they needed someone more willing to take the risk. I've had 17 girls. That I had forgotten about Grammar fills many volumes but I've soaked up Grammar night and day in order to bluff my way along, at least. If they had known anything in the beginning I would have been more "sure" than I have been. It's been fun anyway. I don't give the term exam. I am on the spot if my girls don't do better than Sub Freshmen. The set up has been a bit unfair tho' since the 12 Sub. Feb. picked up such a terrific row at being Sub.s. and yet having the same work my class had that they made Pres. Lucy Long's life miserable until she promised that after the first month the best 5-6 could be passed over to me. When they came, I found that on the average

they knew more than the average in my class. That caught me with 17 and Mrs. D. with only 7 girls who were given an extra class a week to help them "catch up". Therefore the 7 girls with 5 periods a week had a distinct advantage over my 17 with only 4 periods. Of course, the larger the language class the harder it is to get around for every student to recite, and the whole process is slowed up. At least I've learned a lot. The A.C.C. work has been badly interrupted because of the bombing which forced them to hold class all day break and late in afternoon. Being voluntary classes they fell off in attendance some gave up as mothers wanted their children to come home. This had us bombing near here for almost a month now, this! We rather anticipate it if preparations for our own step up.

Christmas passed in the usual rush although I started very early to plan. There wasn't much money available and practically nothing left over in the way of things to give away. It is almost impossible to get parcels from Shanghai. We ordered the "Upper Room" for all the preachers, many early in November but they still have not arrived. Nothing is cheap any more, prices are more like Am. prices. I gave away a stack of narrow, cord sheets which we had on hand and had used when we had so many guests but that day is evidently all over. The heavy unbleached material in the sheets is ideal for white coats, or undercoats. My linen closet is therefore reduced to a very few sheets all of which are very old, but they will, no doubt, see us through until we have to leave. But, as to Christmas, we had the usual series of parties until I completely ran out of ideas and gave up. Mr. Quinn showed some slides at the last evening party but they too were something of a flop I thought, forgetting

in the back of the room, I know Anne would not understand what they were seeing, subject matter was rather dumb anyway. - We had a tree as usual, in the bow-window with lots of ferns and pansies tucked in the windows & under the tree. With the lights on it was quite pretty even tho' we have so very little for it. We have no tinsel at all and as few other things that always add little telephone bags of fancy candies. I cut out a large gold star for the top from Xmas card linings and this year pinned a bright star 1" wide on the ends of each branch. The stars were originally stickers but had stuck together too badly & were as such.

At one or two parties I gave each a Xmas stocking made of netting with red paper on one side & a cute paper figure of a lady in bonnet, muff etc. on each. I was so interested in your selection of a gift for the little girls' stockings. How clever! If big enough I really see things, it will ^{bring} them a wonderful world. I don't see the fish and kitty. Our dumb kitty is still here and still dumb, in fact he and curly, the big dog, will be enemies forever. Cat moved next door some months ago. Cook's wife takes food over to him, which says that we are pretty dumb too, but I don't see the thing plain, even if it is such a pest, screaming all day long. Neighbors are just mooring in, there so unless they want him I suppose we shall have to put him to sleep. Our nice black & white cat is not only a satisfactory pet and catches rats but ignores curly, somewhat to his bewilderment.

As to furniture & what we have tried to send out. First, it has made me rather rich that neither of you could find any more use for those things of mine. Can't you find anyone who could use that settee, and take a nice car of it? I think we paid around \$30 for it just about 3 yrs. before I left. It's a crime to have it down under that house in the dirt. Didn't it sit at Dick's, at first? Of course, with them gone I couldn't send anything more there. Living in a land

where one is so constantly confronted with the extreme need of
the most basic essentials in the line of all but a few, it is well
food for thought, that in the U.S.A. today everyone seems to have such
a superfluity of everything they can think of wanting, that
they want only what a highly sensitive sense of selection dictates.
I hesitate to say give it all away, for who knows, if I should
succumb to the urge to marry (not impossible) he would not
have the ability to provide that either of you two couples have
had. He would have to be satisfied to use things first of all
for their utilitarian value, and not be able to adjust to his tastes
quite so readily. In such a case, whatever is not being used
by you two, he could take over - But please do not say
★, just know that that is my idea. For years, I have thought
that some day, unless Dad has the last word on our possessions,
I would be my thought to possibly let Dad have that blue
Chinese rug, as that, for years, seemed to be the one & only thing
that made our Home, & him. There is also the good Am. Oriental.
also I came out here with the determination to get other rugs if
possible. So I did, even tho I had no chance to sell them. I also
got one large hooked rug in Shanghai exactly like one I saw
featured in a New York Times for \$8. + sold for a smaller size, recently.
I like it very much, it made our bedroom look lovely. She also
picked up a set of Peking rugs, very good quality, tho I would
not have taken them because of the shade of jade green. Still
they were fine rugs, just right for a bedroom or small den,
& they were very scarce in Shanghai. These & other things which
I felt of value, I packed in 2 trunks & sent from the house she
created & sent to ^{in trunk} Dym. But after months of asking about them I
finally found out just a few weeks ago that in the end Dad
had them shipped to New York instead!!! On the grounds
that neither you nor Bruce have any place to store things and are
already overburdened with our stuff. I am also very conscious of that
but did want you to have those rugs to use or refuse or buy or
be pleased with. It seems they were shipped to some big Co.
to store for the Fed. Gov. Dis. We have had no word of their arrival
yet the Shipping Co. here has been notified of 2 (pardon me, they are still)

being missing. At the time we sent them, the Office here
was in an uproar, so to speak. So many were leaving alone,
and everything was being dumped on Dad at once, with a
muddle in almost every branch of the work; people on the
verge of breakdowns etc. Dad eventually just told the Construction
Bureau to label them the same as a lot of other things
being shipped to N. Y. What good they will ever do us there
I can't feature. It's just a closed subject. I doubt if Dad
would ever miss them.

Anyway I did give quite a number of small parcels
to diff. ones to take to Hongkong to be sent direct to you
or Bruce. Miss Smith wrote that they got off the
last of those, so I do hope these arrived. I had some
planned for birthdays and Xmas. But from your letter
of Dec. 28th - evidently nothing had arrived that late. I
had sent them ^{out} before Aug 15th as they went by air. Mr.
McCoy took a couple of parcels himself (the Dec.)

Do use anything of ours that you can, and if
no other course seems right either sell or give away or
pay storage. You better stop that life insurance for
me possibly, since 2½ yrs. have elapsed since I lived there,
and who knows whether I shall ever live in the area again?

Has Dad commented on ^{the} regime here? There are very definite
good points. Soldiers & all fellow travellers are well fed, comfortable
in essentials (all things being relative) and a happy lot - really - kind
on the whole in personal relations; stressing happy recreation, games,
teaching everyone to sing, hearty spirited & tuneful songs, even
if they do embody a false theory at times. Youth has bent ^{giving} all the
rope they want to paint the town red, toss all educational
institutions around, demanding anything conceivable, telling
Boards of Manages to "jump in the lake" as it were. All
Private Institutions such as ours, are on the rack, hoping to weather
the storm which is something of a typhoon of long duration. And teachers
are paid - The like of which I don't think I have ever seen.

personal or institutional "authority" is "reactionary" and⁴
belongs in America not here. All things reactionary (in all
of the word) belong in America - we hold the entire crop. In
compositions I get the most ridiculous blah! blah! you ever
heard, about the rest of the world (the reactionary world) ~~and~~ ^{slavery}
slavery yet the poor dumb people don't know they are slaves
etc. The students have all this theory poured into them daily.
I hear (by Comp.) that all Chinese are liberated and free now, there
are no robberies etc.!!!! Just add all this up and subtracted
by the same & you get some idea of the utter depths of misery &
starvation increasing by leaps and bounds, such as China has
never known for thousands of years. Conditions have been on the
down road because of war, invasions, bankrupt Gov. and there-
fore increased effects of nature's ravages - for lo, these 12 + yrs.
Time was, when the poor could go to the rich to borrow even at high
rates. Now, where are the rich? - Fast disappearing. Many whom
we have known for years as being very comfortably fixed are in
desperate straits, the Gov. demanding in many cases twice
the value of their entire holdings, usually in the form of rice.
Dr. Yui, for instance, who was only a yr. or so ago, given
honors in Eng. and Am. as an outstanding physician and top-
notch surgeon, is now an exile from his native area. Not
only did they demand of the family more than they possess but
even put his old father in prison (80+ years old) ~~and~~ ^{and} later Dr.
Y. himself - Local fellow-travelers are holding a hey-day getting
even with people, making up all sorts of ancient grudges. Any
Supt. of a Hosp. is in a completely impossible position. You can't
treat the whole world free - The Com. let this kind of thing get
out of hand then take over as a Gov. Institution. They have a number
of well-trained people and conscripted others, enough to keep their
machinery moving smoothly. Not just anyone can join them.
They want whom they want & the rest can just go starve. You
can train youth to think what they are told to think & know nothing
more. The rest of the people are just superfluous - too many anyhow.
A lot of us think that, too, but we have a long tradition of
living in a land of plenty, have developed a deep demand for

plenty, so deep a desire, it overrules other more basic urges
~~one~~ devise & determine to protect our ability to have plenty.
Even we at home have religious groups that combat that idea
as what can we say of China & India where it's been in the
extreme? Baby girls are being thrown away beside roads, & doosties on hill
sides or at best sold. Even boys are being sold for a load of rice.

It does give pause for thought, when we realize that now,
only in the U.S.A. is such a fantastically high standard of
living so general, in the midst of such a mottled
world full of people, ranging from pinched to
starving. U.S. papers endently carefully avoid tales of North & Central America.

I fear this will be hard to read. I've added a bit over a
period of several days. We've had 4 bad shakes from bombs
come distance off, this A.M. another near in B.M.

Of the various specters that haunt us from time to time,
one is, "How long will we be allowed to work here?" Should
Dad & few others leave & their ability to provide, be suddenly
cut off, absolutely thousands would starve - Wrong system,
yes! But these very 12+ yrs. of which I've just written, & the
present difficulties make it impossible for starving people, no
matter how much they may need a religious leader, to
support one. The young Theological Students are being taught
some Agriculture, crafts etc. But most of them own no land
and have no capital. What can an older man do? The church
is trying to insist upon at least $\frac{1}{2}$ self support but it's not very
likely.

But how long can we stay? One Am. woman
the Am. was notified a couple of days ago that her passport
ran out in March - She would have to leave - She was up
country, I suppose, when we all renewed ours about a year ago. In
most cases, our passports run out before our furlough is due.
Dad's does 8 mo. before mine. There has been absolutely no way
to ship anything out of here since Aug. Some letters arrived in good
time, some ago and. No email here. How renew?

SEDON The envelopes containing wee-wee plants which I guess
were gifts from David's granddaughters, came thru O.K. and
the remains were planted. They are growing believe it or not.

Please tell them (if my guess is right) that I thank them for such a sweet thought. Do show the pot of sprouts to guests. As I recall they are really desert plants, aren't they? Right now they don't get as much sun as they like but as spring comes they will get more. I have 4 pots of double poinsettias which came from cuttings Mrs. Rapp's father sent out from Glendale. One pot is very full, so now I have two kinds of Calif. plants.

I'm so glad you and Bruce wrote Dr. Emerson. She is a super-super doctor so don't let anyone come out with "niss". She has been asked by some of the faculty, to come back to Chelso in Tinsan & my guess is that she may try it. It is such a shame she did not have her possessions sent along with other Chelso stuff, as, believe it or not, the new Mr. paid practically the whole cost of moving the hundred school equipment - students and all - tons and tons of it, and it arrived O.K. We're still thinking that miracle over. But all her things are stuck here, with absolutely no transportation available.

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It's hard as easy to hear of the community division over your nursery school. How unfortunate! I do hope it does not affect your interest in the church as a worship center. After all, the weakness of individuals who try to present the message and ^{who} should draw people to a closer relation and understanding of God. True Christ-like living - these need to be viewed rather objectively and sincerely for what they are. The preacher will no doubt move on to obscurity some day but the value of worship & the Sonship of God & our relation to Him and man, does on forever. We win, it seems to me, only in so far as we keep our perspective clear, harbor no rancor & keep to the point. Your way of making your problems do seem so wholesome. You surely are a worker! If you can help the misguided preacher in his projects as wholeheartedly he will see the light some day, I believe. Also the Gossards figure in it at all.

Does Pam show any interest in the piano? Do either of you find any time to play for the children? I hope they enjoy experimenting. What a shame Pam missed singing at church. I don't believe I would have had the grace to miss that. Betty seemed like a lovely housekeeper. Her babies are very close together and, too, (Sh!!) is her husband as helpful as yours? Poor dear

Men are not all of a pattern you know!

I just had a long long session with a mother of 6 whose 2nd girl just graduated from A.C.C. It is a nice family but poor, as father is a teacher. This girl's life is being made miserable by jeers at her old-fashioned outmoded attitude, willing to stay home & help mother & think of going to college when she should be "out working for her country". Shades of Bruce in 1942!! If the mother even speaks of the family difficulty of getting cloth so many, it forces children to decide that their only course is to join the new crowd & relieve the family burden. Of course there would not be a cent to help one's family later. They don't count - let them starve. The program is a long range one - 30 yrs. minimum to see results. Possibly $\frac{1}{4}$ of present population will be used. When the remainder has succumbed there will be enough land and opportunities to support the hawks. Since there is no religion, there are no regrets. They will have a healthier nation & breathing space. May one must be vaccinated every 3 mos. Too often, yes, but a way to catch everyone. A.K. with us. But - Are they reckoning with the Bear? More & more it becomes evident that it is a case of "all the better to eat you up."

Dad regrets the recent decision in Wash. D.C. & draws out Consul's. There is misunderstanding of situation in Peking. The property really was the Consulate property at all, only old Legation property which we were trying to hold on to. No other consulate property has been touched. It seems a bad step & was not here, and the result of jitters. It seems a bit silly done & even consider Formosa as a point to hold while hastily withdrawing our Consul is a spell of jitters. So many here it looks that way. He "snuffed the hall" badly that day, as out here it looks like a show of weakness, not strength. History will tell.

On our front door at 7 mas. we had a pretty meath that was given us. Isn't it interesting that God provided each of these with wings to carry them to a place of safety?

Dad seems quite well & not fat. I think he deliberately eats very sparingly. I have had turning trouble for quite a long time but appear well. I have found nothing in the spring. He has laid in a large supply of grain hoping to feed servants & students for several months since rumor and prospects are very sordid.

With much love to you all.

devotedly, Mother

福州國際救濟委員會
FOOCHOW INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE


CLUB ROAD
FOOCHOW, FUKIEN, CHINA


July 14, 1950

Dear Ann and Milt:-

Using up old paper. IRC is disbanded, as I suppose no further supplies will be allowed in.

I shall be mailing you from time to time various papers which I would like to have there later and may not be able to take out with me. Just hold them for me. Some are translations of what appears in the papers here, - a good illustration of what we hear daily.

 I hope you will save the envelope of this letter as it is a very interesting set, probably the biggest stamp yet out. There are these four in the set. I ~~may~~ also mail some old envelopes which are more valuable that way, and some loose stamps. Also, if possible a set of the present paper money used here; it is most interesting. I hope I can get it to you. Open these things if you wish to see them; just keep them for me, please.

 How about ourselves. Our Chinese friends have all finally come to the place where they feel we had better get out, and we shall all hope to leave within the next few months. Mother and I along with Bishop Lacy will probably be among the last out, I fear. There is so much to do, turning over to those who will carry on.

Long ago we had made our friends promise that when they thought our presence might prove an embarrassment, they were to tell us. The Premier made it plain that the Church can carry on, but that it must rid itself of all elements of imperialism and reaction, and that the missionaries, most of them, belong to such groups. They said that we could leave when our passports expire or when our furloughs are due. My passport expires in Sept. 3, 1950, Mother next May.

They say that once the Church is cleaned up, some missionaries may be able to come back. I have my doubts. I believe it is wise to get out now and give the Church its chance to try to make necessary adjustments. Of course if there is to be a world war, we would want to get out before hand.

There is so much to do these days, I will not have time to write to Bruce and Don; can you share this with them, please? I shall get a note off to Grandma.

We have had a very hot summer so far, first floods which almost wrecked crops, but now a long hot spell with no rain. No typhoons yet. Plenty of planes around, several times a day. It will be a joy to get somewhere so as not to see so many planes, uniforms, bayonets, etc.

We would be entitled to ordinary furlough, December 1949, so we will not be pulling out much, if any, before ordinary time. If possible, I should like to come home via Singapore, and Europe. We might try to look over some of the work down that way for possible consideration later.

We are both well, and here's hoping all goes well with you and the rest of the families. Love to all.

Your daddy,

Daddy

April 49

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF
THE CHINESE PEOPLES' LIBERATION ARMY

The Nationalists Reactionary Party has refused to accept the Peace Conditions, insisting to do evils on fighting against the race as well as the people in general. All the people are anxiously hoping for the prompt annihilation of the Nationalist reactionary forces by the Peoples' Liberation Army. We have ordered our Army to make daring advances to arrest all reactionary troops and war criminals, to set free all people, to safeguard the independence and integrity of Chinese sovereignty, so as to form a real peace and democratic unification that the people have longed for. It is greatly hoped that the people of all walks of life will give every assistance they can render wherever the Liberation Army comes. Herewith, we make known to the public the following 8 points for all the people to keep mutual observance.

1. Protection be given to lives and properties of all people. People of all walks of life, without distinction of caste, religion and profession, are expected to maintain the original order, adopting an attitude which proves co-operative with the Liberation Army. Punishment will be given to those who are reactionary, destructive as well as ones taking advantage of the crisis of time to loot and do wreckage.
2. All the industries, commerce, farming and cattle-grazing, under private ownership, banks, godowns, ships, piers, agricultural plants, ranches, are under protection, disallowable to infringement. It is hoped that the employees and workers and all the firms will carry on business as usual.
3. The official capitals be confiscated. All the plants, firms, banks, godowns, ships, wharves, railways, post offices, telegraph administration, electric light company, telephone company, waterworks, agricultural plants, ranches under the auspices of the Nationalist Government be turned over to the Liberation Army. The private shareholders of the large scale industry and commerce be recognized of their possession after investigation. All employees serving in official-sponsored enterprises should carry on work and be responsible for property, machines, charts, account books, files, awaiting the turn-over. Rewards be given to the meritorious and punishment to those who do sabotage and wreckage. We will try to employ those who are willing to continue their services.
4. Schools, hospitals, cultural and educational institutions, gymnasiums and other public welfare works are under protection. The employees therein are expected to carry on their work. The Liberation Army will give them protection; no infringement is permissible.
5. The Liberation Army will not imprison, arrest, nor do insult to all big or small officials, delegates of the National Assembly, legislators, Committeemen of Supervisory Yuan, policemen, Pao-chia members belonging to the Nationalist Government except the audacious war criminals and the wicked reactionary members. Anyone with skill and who did not have any serious evil practices will be employed by the Peoples' Government. But punishment will be given to those who wreck, steal, rob, engage in corrupt practices, squeeze or run away with public funds.
6. For guarantee of cities and its suburbs as well as the rural districts, all

lounging soldiers should come to the Liberation Army for surrender and registration and to hand over their arms. Otherwise they will receive due punishment.

7. The feudal land system is unreasonable and should be abolished. Preparation and steps should be taken beforehand. Generally speaking, lessening of rent and interest will precede redistribution of land. The farmers should organize themselves and assist the Liberation Army to take the first step in reforms. At the same time they should make more strenuous efforts for cultivation of land so as to better the living condition of farmers as a whole, and to supply foodstuff for people in the cities. Land and houses in the city will not be handled in the same way as in rural districts.

8. Protection be given to the lives and property of foreign residents in the country. It is hoped that they will maintain order of the society and do their business as usual. They should obey all legal orders of the Liberation Army. They should not carry on spy activities, neither should they do anything contrary to the Independence and liberation work of the Chinese. They are not allowed to protect war criminals, otherwise they will receive punishment.

The codes and orders of the Liberation Army have been strict and fine. Purchases and sales are done in justice and openmindedness. Not even a piece of thread nor a needle is allowed to be obtained abusively from the people. It is hoped that all people will keep themselves at ease. It is not good for them to keep one ear opened to groundless rumors so as to keep themselves in much embarrassment. We announce the above for the people to follow.

Mao Tze-tung
Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission
of the Chinese People Revolution

Chu Teh
Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese People
Liberation